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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated October 26, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant submits this amendment and response in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”). Also, Applicant respectfully submits a petition for an one-month extension of time to file this RCE amendment and response. With the petition, the response is now due February 26, 2008.

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